

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
March 24, 2014**

The Town Hall/board meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Tom Yokley. Present: Clerk: Karen Humphres. Trustees: Dave Carter, Matt Bunker, Valerie Patterson, Mark Esker, Skylar Tierney Absent: Trustee Brennan Employees: Kent Thompson, Heidi Dowell.

GUESTS: Judy Krell, Natalie Albers, Mel Butterfield, Tonya Faloon-Sullivan, Patrick Gettleman, Paul Kircher, Linda Hughes.

Trustee Carter moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 10, 2014, second by Trustee Esker. All ayes, motion carried.

GUESTS COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Tonya Faloon-Sullivan discussed the Youth & Government Program. She stated there were over 900 students who participated this year from cities all around Illinois. She stated it costs approximately \$340/student for the program. She stated the Village's contribution is always appreciated, and she acknowledged President Yokley's personal donation to the program too. The Youth & Government students will be holding the Village Board Meeting on April 28th.

COMMUNICATIONS: No communications to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE (Skylar Tierney): Trustee Tierney made a motion to pay bills as presented. Trustee Patterson seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Tierney made a motion to donate \$500 to Youth & Government. Trustee Patterson seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

A Finance Committee Meeting will be scheduled within the next week or two.

PUBLIC SAFETY (John Brennan): Trustee Brennan was absent. President Yokley stated Trustee Brennan is active with the New World reporting system now. He plans to have statistics by next month.

President Yokley also stated the Police Department is implementing a new patrol rifle policy, which will be used for active shooter incidents. This policy will reflect on the requirements the Officer will need in order to carry the assault weapon. The policy will be approved by the Public Safety Committee first then approved by the Village Board.

Trustee Carter made a motion to purchase a 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe, 4WD, from Miles Chevrolet in the amount of \$30,726.00. Equipment will also be purchased for the Tahoe, in the amount of approximately \$11,267.00. Trustee Esker seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

President Yokley stated the Police Department will be replacing a squad car (one of the squad cars will be sold).

WATER & SEWER, (Matt Bunker): Trustee Bunker and Kent Thompson gave an update on the Williamsville water tower. The tower will be painted in the near future by Utility Services. Some discussion was made regarding the color of the tower.

Kent Thompson stated the Birch Lane project has been started. The contractor has started replacing the storm sewer out at the lake.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Valerie Patterson): Trustee Patterson stated the “Looking for Lincoln” sign is complete and ready to be picked up at Ace Sign Company. She would like to see this sign placed at the new library in the future.

Trustee Patterson updated the Board on the historical markers. She stated the production costs were donated by the Williamsville Foundation. The graphic design was paid by the Village and also by a Sangamon County Historical Society grant of \$500. She also stated we have received an additional \$250 from the Historical Society. President Yokley would like a thank you in the next Village newsletter.

Trustee Carter asked Linda Hughes (Sun Times) if she could contact Love’s again regarding placing an ad in the newspaper announcing video gaming. He stated we have received revenue from the gaming machines at Love’s.

PARKS & RECREATION (Dave Carter): Trustee Carter thanked Kent Thompson and his crew for delivering the donated soccer equipment to the school. He stated the school was very appreciative of the donation.

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS & STORM SEWERS (Mark Esker): Trustee Esker stated the road by Love’s needs repaired.

President Yokley stated the Village will receive the final IDOT design for the Main Street crossing regarding High Speed Rail on Thursday.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: President Yokley informed the board of the status of aggregation. The Village, along with 15 other communities, originally voted for aggregation. President Yokley attended an aggregation meeting last week. President Yokley stated unfortunately, customers did not save any money. Ameren had originally purchased electricity. When numerous customers switched to aggregation, Ameren reduced their price. President Yokley feels that if the Village continues with aggregation, customers will make up for the loss and gain some savings. He stated the Village hasn’t committed to anything at this current time. He had hoped for cost savings for citizens, but unfortunately it did not happen. The consortium will be meeting again to discuss. He also stated that if a Village drops out of aggregation for 2 months, they will have to stay out of aggregation for 12 months. The consortium hopes to have everything finalized by middle of April.

President Yokley read the final wording for Resolution #2014-02, which was passed at the previous Village Board Meeting. (See attached.)

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Williamsville adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By
Karen Humphres, Village Clerk